

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Jewell, Rajesh Patel, Prinal Patel, Blezzard and West.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

MINUTES

30/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Cripps, Davison and IW Councillor Mosdell.

31/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor's Blezzard and Rajesh Patel confirmed their previously declared interests. Councillor Prinal Patel declared himself a Governor of Newchurch School.

32/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026.

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Jewell, it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February\ 2026.

33/26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Rajesh Patel it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the reports.

34/26 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

No report had been received since the February meeting.

35/26 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Councillor Rajesh Patel reported that two volunteers had come forward as possible drivers for a Community Bus service.

Councillor Jewel gave an update on matters involving Rights of Way and Island Roads. He also advised of new legislation that could impose on the spot fines of £500 in respect of littering and also on Godshell Parish Councils achievement of grant funding in respect of their Speedwatch project. There had been no recent meeting with PCSO Justin Keefe.

Councillor Bevan gave an update on arrangements for the Parish Picnic which was to be held on Monday 4th May. A Working Party had been set up to coordinate arrangements for the day, involving the Church, School and other local representatives. Issue 6 of the Newchurch Newsletter was currently being formulated and distribution would take place during April

36/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.

The Clerk had circulated the following report –

1.Tipping at Knighton – E Mail received from Russell Chick advising that he has

visited the site and will be requesting the operators to cease work. E mail sent to Russell asking if works had ceased.

2. Bin Emptying - E Mail sent to Scott Headey (Highways Manager) of IW Council, Had resulted in a subsequent response from Island Roads advising that they will provide a quotation for the installation of a new bin. Quotation yet to be received.
3. Letter from local resident concerning operation of Sandown Airport – E Mail sent to Joe Robertson MP. Referred to Dept of Transport, nothing further heard to date.
4. Highway works at Apse Heath – Further E Mail to Alan White, IWC Highways, Awaiting response.
5. Letter to Police and Crime Commissioner – an update was given by Councillor Bevan.
6. Registration of Community Asset – Update.
The Clerk reported on the methodology for registration.

37/26 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was covered elsewhere on the agenda.

38/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following planning application was considered –

Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear and front extensions; replacement entrance and steps to front; alterations to fenestration, replacement roof covering and roof lights; cladding of existing elevations (revised description). 9 Webster Way Newchurch Ref. No: 26/00217/HOU |

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the application subject to the approval of the conditions recommended by the IW Council Tree Officer.

39/26 PLANNING DECISIONS.

No decisions had been received since the February meeting.

40/26 PARISH HALL

Three quotations had previously been received for the provision of external lighting.

RESOLVED: That the quotation of F W Marsh Electrical be approved.

41/26 COMMUNITY BUS

IW Councillor Ian Ward had made a presentation to the February meeting regarding the Community Bus service and he would investigate the potential inclusion of a route to include Newchurch.

RESOLVED: To make a contribution of £2,500 to the Community Bus service.

42/26 PARISH HALL CHARITY

The Clerk advised that all Councillor's were Trustee's of the Parish Hall Charity which was registered with the Charity Commission. Councillor Bevan gave an overview of the responsibilities of Charity Trustees.

RESOLVED: To hold an Annual Trustee meeting to include approval of the annual submission to the Charity Commission

43/26 DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday 18th May prior to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

44/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 20th April 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

CHAIRMAN

20th April 2026